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On Tuesday morning after the storm had subsided, a red oak uprooted in rain-soaked soil and fell between the rows of 22 Court Hillside Road. There was damage to a porch, yard and fence.

# Superstorm Sandy Spares Well-prepared Greenbelt

by Marat Moore

Greenbelt got lucky this week especially compared with eroded beach communities, flooded New York City and snowbound West Virginia. "Superstorm" Sandy – a vast tropical vortex that smashed into two icy winter systems – was described in various media reports as bizarre, unprecedented and an indication of climate change.

At least the east coast had ample warning; Sandy was far too big and unwieldy for a sneak attack. Greenbelt began its preparations last week. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said Pepco scheduled regional conference calls that began Friday and continued daily and the city participated in other regional conference calls on public safety and the efforts of nearby municipalities. The Greenbelt Police and the Public Works Department geared up. Greenbelt Homes,

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# Election 2012

# Local Registered Voters Are Predominantly Dems

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt remains a heavily Democrat-dominant town in 2012 with 72 percent registering as Democrats, 10 percent as Republicans and 18 percent as other parties or unaffiliated. These data are based on 11,520 Greenbelters registered at the close of registration on October 15 (see table). This figure shows about a 3.5 percent increase in the number of registered voters compared to the last presidential election in 2008. There had been about a 2 percent increase in the number of registered voters between 2004 and 2008.

Greenbelt has continued to lean more to the Democratic side. In the 2000 election there were four Democrats for every Republican; in 2004 the ratio was 5 to 1; in 2008 the ratio was 6 to 1; and this year there are

over seven registered Democrats for every registered Republican. There is a shift toward unaffiliated voters also. In 2008, there were almost as many unaffiliated registered voters (1,141) as Republicans (1,224). However, this year there are almost 50 percent more unaffiliated registrants (1,550) than Republicans (1,101).

Within Greenbelt there is some party variation by section of the city. Center City has a smaller percentage registered as Democrats – 62 percent at Greenbelt Elementary (North End) and 69 percent at Greenbelt Community Center (Center). East and West Greenbelt have somewhat higher percentages of Democrats - 74 percent at Turning Point Academy polling place,

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# What Goes On

Sunday, November 4 1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center Tuesday, November 6 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Voting at Five Precincts Wednesday, November 7 8 p.m., Council Worksession with WSSC, Community Center Election 2012

# Greenbelters Will Trek to the Polls: Voting on Questions, Candidates

by James Giese

As with every election, Tuesday's general election will be important for the country. The direction of the federal government for the next four years will depend on who gets elected. For it to go the way you want, your vote at the polls is essential.

Nationally, the presidential election appears to be very close. Some pollsters think it is possible for one candidate to receive more votes but lose due to lack of sufficient electoral college votes. Some seven states are considered too close to call and their results could decide the election.

Much of the presidential election campaigning has bypassed Maryland because this state is considered to be strongly in the Democratic column. None of the major party candidates has campaigned here. Even the races for the U.S. Senate and Congress have been unexciting – at least in this part of the state. And in Maryland, Greenbelt is considered an even stronger bastion for the Democrats. While most people know who Steny Hoyer is, few can name his Republican opponent. In Greenbelt politicos are not wondering if voters will support Barack Obama as president, Ben Cardin as senator or

Final Early **Voting Days** Extended Thursday/Friday in College Park

Steny Hoyer as congressman they fully expect that to happen. But politicos will be interested in the degree of support as compared to the opposition - whether it is stronger or weaker than in previous years. They also will be interested in seeing whether the minor parties on the ballot, Libertarian and Green, are gaining or losing strength.

Even though the race will be decided by the electoral college, the popular vote gives those elected a mandate on how to govern. So in that respect every vote counts, even if Maryland electoral votes are not in question. As of now, pollsters cannot confidently pick the winner, so each vote becomes critical.

# Questions

If the races for the three contested elected offices on the ballot do not draw voter interest, the See QUESTIONS, page 6

questions placed on the ballot for yes or no votes undoubtedly will - at least four of them. Here much closer votes are expected and the votes of Greenbelters can significantly affect the outcomes. Each voter will have to reach his or her own decision.

### **Question 7**

By far, Maryland Question 7 to authorize a casino in Prince George's County has drawn the most media attention and caused the most money to be spent on campaigns for and against. Is gambling good or bad for the state? In 2008, 59 percent of Maryland voters said yes to gambling at five locations. Now with strong support from Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, a sixth casino is up for approval, probably at National Harbor and possibly to be a Las Vegas-style casino.

To appease the already operating casinos, concessions were made including reduced percentage of revenue payments to the state and permission to operate gaming tables in addition to slot machines. The fact that so much money is being spent by out-of-state casinos to oppose

# City Council Proclaims November As America Recycles Month Locally

by Barbara Hopkins

November 15 is celebrated nationally as America Recycles Day as an opportunity to educate people about the benefits of recycling to the environment and the economy and to encourage the demand for recycled products. At the October 22 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, Mayor Judith Davis read a proclamation naming the entire month of November America Recycles Month in Greenbelt. Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES).

The proclamation states that the United States generates, on average, 4.5 pounds of solid waste per person per day. Though the recycling rate is now 34 percent nationally and 60 percent in Greenbelt, there is hope that more can be done and that these numbers can continue to improve. The proclamation encourages Greenbelt residents to increase not only their recycling efforts, but to seek recycled prod-



Luisa Robles, Greenbelt's Recycling Coordinator, accepts a proclamation naming November as Recycling Month in Greenbelt from Mayor Judith Davis as councilmembers look on.

ucts when making acquisitions.

# **Events Planned**

Robles told council there is already a recycling display in the lobby of the Community Center. She said there had recently been a shred event held in conjunction with the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. She reminded people that the American Rescue Workers

come with a truck every second and fourth Saturday to pick up donations of lightly used household items.

Robles also said the annual recycling bin contest is underway and a lottery will be held to pick winners from among those who were selected for following the recycling guidelines most closely.

### Editorial

# Your Vote Needed

Tired of the debates, debate analysis, robo-calls, dueling ads, "this is (fill in the blank) and I approve this message!"? Don't be discouraged. Get out and vote your preferences on Tuesday! It is your chance to speak out, even if yours is only one voice among millions. It is your chance to say what you feel by voting for whomever or whatever question you prefer. It is your opportunity to assert your rights and responsibilities as a United States citizen and to help choose your country's leaders and as a Maryland resident to cast your vote for important issues affecting the state on the ballot. We urge you to vote on Tuesday, November 6.

In addition to Presidential, U.S. Senatorial and Congressional candidates from four parties (Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green), plus a raft of unaffiliated candidates, there are Judicial ballots, Maryland Constitutional Amendments, a County Charter required referendum and four enacted 2012 state laws that are also subject to referenda. They are:

Question #4 establishes that individuals, including undocumented immigrants, are eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at community colleges in Maryland, provided the student meets certain conditions relating to attendance and graduation from a Maryland high school, filing of income taxes and intent to file for permanent residency.

Question #5 establishes new boundaries for the state's eight U.S. Congressional Districts based upon recent census figures (Redistricting). The new district alignments were successfully challenged to referendum and opponents have labeled the new district maps as "gerrymandered" and want the maps redrawn to better reflect community boundaries and interests. Maryland Common Cause, League of Women Voters and the Republican Party are opposed to this redistricting.

Question #6, known as the Civil Marriage Protection Act, also challenged to referendum, establishes that Maryland's civil marriage laws allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license. The law protects clergy from having to perform any particular marriage ceremony in violation of their religious beliefs.

Question #7 relates to the expansion of gaming in Maryland. The expansion includes an increase in the amount of slot machines, an expansion of casino licenses to include certain table games in addition to slots and specific language allowing a sixth casino to be located in Prince George's County. Supporters of the Gaming Expansion law favor the National Harbor development for a casino if the law survives the referendum challenge.

Question #7 has drawn the most controversy and has been the subject of dueling political ads during the election cycle. The Greenbelt News Review opposed the bringing of slots casinos to Maryland in the 2008 referendum.

Again, vote on Tuesday, November 6.

# Letters to the Editor

### Thanks for the Memories

I belong to a group of Greenbelt friends and Pioneers who have been getting together every two years since we attended the Greenbelt 50th Anniversary. They are Joe Carstens, Mike Cockill, Janet Ferdin, CJ Falcon, John Flynn, Jackie Havens, Elmer Hershberger, Larry Holien, Linda Howey Houser, Charlie and Gladys Howey, Kay Hoyle, Bruce MacEwen, Susan Cockill Rogers, John Schaffer and Don Walker - and of course, our spouses. These are friends whom we originally knew from Greenbelt Center School.

This year we decided to forego our retreat to Ocean City and support the 75th Anniversary. I volunteered to work with Anniversary Committee member Megan Searing Young to help promote the event by contacting those people I knew as Pioneers or children of Pioneers. My initial list was drawn from high school yearbooks during the 1950s but gradually grew through the help of Billy Morrison, Eunice Burton, Kathleen McFarland, Joan Barnett, Linda Houser and Kay Branch plus others. Our list grew to over 100 Pioneers whom we touched through the internet.

Interest began to grow from responses we received so we added an additional opportunity for the Pioneers to get together – a Sunday Brunch sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum. The response to the brunch was outstanding and hopefully will be repeated. I would also like to thank Carolyn West, Joe McNeal and Dave Moran for their support.

I sent the following letter to all the Greenbelt Pioneer members of the group who can be reached by email:

I want to thank all who were able to attend the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Dinner/Dance – especially those who forwarded my emails and extended our network of Pioneer contacts. By my estimation, we were able to purchase over 50 of the 400 tickets sold. Wow! The power of the Pioneers!

I hope you had as much fun as my wife, Susan and I had at both events. The Anniversary team did a wonderful job – a terrific success by any measure.

Susan said that I played the "Mayor," trying to win votes at the next election. I rather

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# Corrections

In the September 27 issue article on county election ballot questions by James Giese, the purpose of the Prince George's County Question A was misstated. This ballot question is not for the purpose of approving the latest county redistricting plan. That is already in effect. According to the League of Women Voters in Prince George's County 2012 General Election Voter's Guide, Question A amends the county charter to permit the adoption of redistricting plans by resolutions of the county council instead of by legislative act. If voters approve, the process for adopting a redistricting plan would be simplified and more time would be allowed for completing the process before the November 30 deadline imposed by the charter, as no time would have to be allocated for a possible veto by the county executive. However, the change also removes the county executive's role in the redistricting process - the executive will no longer have the authority to either approve or veto the redistricting plan adopted by the county council. Rushern Baker, the current county executive, apparently has not opposed this proposed charter amendment.

In last week's article on candidates in the upcoming election, the name of the Maryland Court of Appeals judge standing election for voter confirmation was incorrectly stated. It is Michele D. Hotten. We regret the error.

Oops! In last week's announcement of the upcoming AARP Driver Safety Class we really messed up the time. It will actually be held Tuesday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a noon lunch hour break. (Dropping the "0" was overlooked; it's not in the middle of the night.)

# OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF NOV 2

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**SUNDAY** \*2:30, \*5, 7:30

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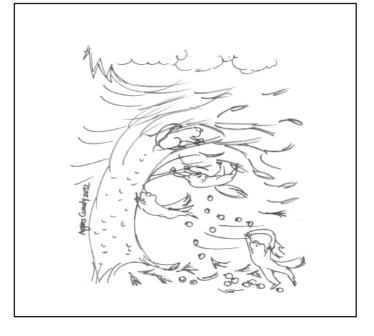
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# Grin Belt



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# On Screen

# Smuggled Out of Iran

Opening on Friday, November 2 at Old Greenbelt Theatre is "Argo," an intense version of the effort to smuggle six American diplomats out of revolutionary Tehran in 1980. Iran had taken over the U.S. Embassy with 53 personnel inside but six others took refuge in the Canadian Embassy. A CIA "exfiltration" expert, Tony Mendez (Ben Affleck), sought to get the six out via a fake film production. Whatever the final stretch's merits, the film – directed by Affleck, with Alan Arkin and John Goodman in leading roles – has won high praise for its substance and ingenuity.

R, for profanity and some violent images. Running time: 120 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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# **Community Events**

# Africa's Child Soldiers At the Library Meeting to Be at Café

Sunday, November 11 at 1 p.m. at the New Deal Café will be first in a series of programs over coming months sponsored by the Peace and Justice Coalition focusing on Africa. The award-winning film "War Dance" was selected by nearly two dozen American and African Greenbelters to highlight the series.

Future programs suggested so far include developing a project to assist especially vulnerable groups in Africa, eating at a nearby African café, reading a classic novel depicting how colonialism undermined African culture and watching and discussing videos on Africa-centered topics like sexual violence, how smart phones are creating violence in rural Africa and poverty and economic development. At the meeting additional suggestions will be sought. Anyone interested in the programs but unavailable November 11 is asked to email edfallon@gmail.com.

# **Scouting for Food** Is Next Saturday

Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746 will go door to door in central Greenbelt distributing bags for the annual "Scouting for Food" food drive.

On Saturday November 10 from 9 a.m. to noon the Scouts will return to pick up the filled bags for a local food bank as part of their fall community service

### **Computer Club** Meets Nov. 8

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome.

# **GHI Notes**

Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting Board Room

Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation -Board Room

Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m., New Member Social -Board Room

Thursday, November 8, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, November 9 – Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Join us for the

**Storytimes** 

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, November 8, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at www.pgcmls.info.

# Star Party Planned At City Observatory

On Saturday, November 3 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the City of Greenbelt Observatory located at Northway field. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 7 p.m., although people may begin to set up telescopes earlier. Objects to be observed include several star clusters and nebulae. Jupiter is rising earlier and will peek over the mulch pile around 9 p.m.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

# **Legion to Honor Veterans Nov. 11**

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony at Roosevelt Center Sunday, November 11 at 10 a.m. Members and residents are welcome to join the Legion in honoring armed service veterans. The guest will be Army Captain Dan Berschinski, a West Point graduate who lost both legs and an arm in Afghanistan.

Veterans Day honors all American veterans while thanking living veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their coun-

Those who attend the service are invited to the Post Home afterward for a luncheon. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Post Home, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

> **More Community Events** are on pages 4, 5 and 15.

# On All the King's Men

On Friday, November 9 at 1 p.m. Jim Link will lead a free discussion of the book and movie, "All the King's Men," whose theme is "All power corrupts but absolute power corrupts absolutely."

The 1949 movie followed the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Robert Penn Warren based on the career of Louisiana Governor Huey Long. Broderick Crawford won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Willie Stark, a backwoods Southern lawyer who wins constituents' hearts by bucking the corrupt state govern-

Journalist Jack Burden (John Ireland) is impressed by Willie's seeming sincerity and aids Stark on the road to political power. After reaching the governor's mansion, Willie proves to be as dishonest and despotic as the crooks he replaced. Protective of his power, he organizes a fascistic police force and arranges for "accidents" to those who oppose him while retaining the love of the voters by lowering the poverty level, improving schools and financing building projects.

In addition to the film's Oscars for Crawford and McCambridge, Warren's novel would be adapted as a stage play, TV special and

# St Hugh Christmas Bazaar Is Nov. 3-4



Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 are the dates for the annual St. Hugh Christmas Bazaar, Saturday from 9

a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offering holiday shopping, vendors will be available with special purchase for holiday gifts of crafts, bargains buys, food, baked goods and more. In addition the Greenbelt Police Department will be present, doing fingerprinting for children. The bazaar also features a silent auction and awards door prizes every

# Jim Link Presentation Fiscal Year 2013 **Off to Bright Start**

The City of Greenbelt ended the 2012 fiscal year with revenues slightly ahead of expenditures, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reports. After two months of fiscal year 2013, expenditures and revenues are in line with the adopted budget. In particular, all three areas of recreation revenues are performing better than their historical averages and red light - camera revenue is averaging over \$30,000 a month, improving on the increase in the final five months of Fiscal Year 2012.

# **Greenbelt's Financial** Report Nabs Award

The City of Greenbelt has again received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting and was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to Jeffrey L. Williams, Greenbelt's City Treasurer and the man most responsible for preparing the report. An impartial panel judges comprehensive annual financial reports based on demonstration of a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly express its financial story and inspire possible users to read the CAFR. This marks the 28th year Greenbelt has attained this award.

# Informal Sunday Evening Worship

Come as You Are! 6:00 p.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6905 Greenbelt Road 301-345-5111 www.myholycross.org

# Free ERHS Concert Is Friday Evening

On Friday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. the fall concert for Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will be held at the school, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Performers will include the ERHS Chamber Orchestra directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band directed by Sally Wagner; the Gospel Choir and Men's Ensemble directed by Michele Fowlin.

The concert is free; all are invited to come support the students while enjoying a fine musical performance.

# 65th Anniversary **Celebration**

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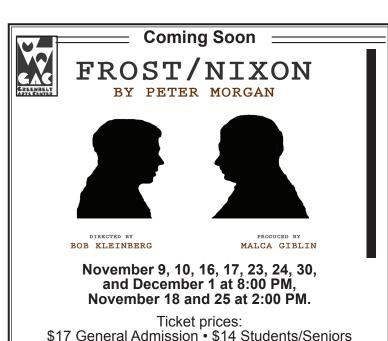
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# **Greenbelt Community Church Annual Holiday Bazaar**

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Saturday, November 3 9:00 am - 2:00 pm <u>A Review</u>

# "Hooray for Hollywood" Brings the Past to Life

by Rebecca Winner

Music is the magic that makes everything sun-shiny. When I dance, my troubles all seem tiny. That carefree lyric could have been the theme of "Treasure Hunt Cabaret: Hooray for Hollywood" at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, September 30. The show was the second of a series of two; the first Treasure Hunt Cabaret, performed on September 23, featured music from the 1937-1938 Broadway season. "Hooray for Hollywood" featured songs from films of the same period.

Chris Cherry, performing arts program director at the Greenbelt Community Center and producer of the show, brought back his cast from "Give My Regards to Broadway" to perform: classically trained singers and Greenbelt residents Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass; talented teen performers Kristen Beauchamp, Carlos Castillo, James Fahey, Sam Goldstein, Isobel Springer and Megan Winner and distinguished accompanist Stefan Brodd.

Cherry led the audience through a program of songs and film clips that evoked the glamour and romance of the 1930s movie world. The rest of the country was recovering then from the Great Depression and the wide world was trembling on the brink of devastating war. But life according to Hollywood was pretty rosy - orphans found happiness, star-crossed lovers overcame all obstacles and there was a lot of dancing.

That optimistic feeling was on display right from the start of the show as Cherry sang "Things Are Looking Up" and Castillo, Goldstein and Winner followed up with "I Can't Be Bothered Now: When I'm dancing I don't care if this old world stops turning. or if my bank is burning . . . . Bad news, go away, call round someday, in March or May. I can't be bothered now."

Film clips featuring Shirley Temple, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire and Judy Garland showed these iconic performers at the height of their skills. Cherry set the stage for each song or film clip with a bit of historical context and some comical behindthe-scenes tales.

The show delivered a number of laugh-out-loud moments. Husband-and-wife duo Cowan and Hass sang the arch "Sympathy," in which a woman who's angry with her boyfriend is being offered a little more than just sympathy by an amorous new beau. Castillo brought out his acoustic bass to join Cherry for a fun duet with a bit of swagger in "Slap That Bass."

Gershwin

The show also featured clas-

including the haunting "Blue Skies" (performed by Castillo); "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" (performed by Cherry); and "They Can't Take That Away from Me" (performed by Castillo). "Our Love Is Here To Stay" (performed by the full cast) was the last song George Gershwin wrote before his death at the age of 38 in 1937. Several other songs brought

back memories of famous performers of the era. "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" (performed by Fahey) was made famous by the Dorsey Brothers while "Nice Work If You Can Get It" (performed by Beauchamp, Springer and Winner) was one of the first songs recorded by the Andrews Sisters.

sics by George and Ira Gershwin,

The audience, which included both older Greenbelters and a large group of teenagers, joined their voices to sing along to the soundtrack of one of 1937s breakout film hits: Walt Disney's "Snow White." The cast even donned dwarf hats to lead the audience in a "Heigh Ho" before going on to "Whistle While You Work." Cowan delivered a soaring rendition of "Someday My Prince Will

The show brought young and old together in a way few musical performances can manage. Many of the young people most of them hearing this music for the first time – commented on how surprisingly catchy the old songs were. "One of the things I liked best," said performer Megan Winner, "was watching the ladies in the front row singing along to all the songs."

**Service Affirms** Love, Equality

On Sunday, November 4 at 10 a.m. there will be a special Affirmation of Love and Family worship celebration and rally supporting the Marriage Equality and Dream Act ballot questions at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring (UUCSS), 10309 New Hampshire Avenue.

A number of elected officials will speak, among them U.S. Congressman John Sarbanes, Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin, House of Delegates Members Eric Luedtke. Heila Ellis Hixon and Heather R. Miseur. Also participating will be Marvland Dreamers whose future depends on the outcome of Question #4 and offering a special song of freedom and inspiration via live video, Emma's Revolution. The service will be led by UUCSS Director of Religious Education Sarah Gonzales and Senior Minister Liz Lerner

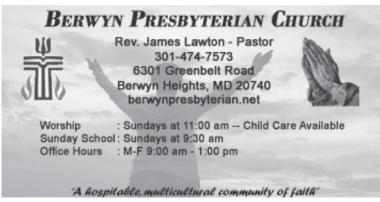
Following the service, there will be a potluck reception featuring a special Marriage Equality wedding cake and a phone bank, during which attendees can par-

# **Community Church Holiday Bazaar Sat.**

Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is this year's Greenbelt Community Church Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale.

In addition to the popular auction baskets, there will be craft tables, a bake sale, Country Store and unique and handcrafted fair trade items from around the world from Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation (SERRV). The church youth group will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Word also has it that "a special visitor from the North Pole" may be on hand.

The Community Church is at the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads.





# **Catholic Community** of Greenbelt **MASS** Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building ALL ARE WELCOME

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111 www.myholycross.org • myholycross@verizon.net

Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Informal Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us! Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

# **Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuu www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



Sunday at 10 a.m.

Rev. Diane Teichert See our website: www.pbuuc.org

# **Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church** 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



Ye were created to show love one to another and not perversity and rancor. Take pride not in love for yourselves but in love for your fellow-creatures.

Glory not in love for your country, but in love for all mankind.

(Baha'u'llah) Greenbelt Bahá'í Community 301-345-2918 1-800-22-UNITE Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

# St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!



Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music) 10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road) 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

# Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.areenbeltucc.ora Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Clara Young, Interim Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision...

# Congregation Mishkan Torah 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.

Educational programs for children K–12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.

Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development.

Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.

Interfaith families are welcome. Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

### **Upcoming Events At New Deal Café**

Friday, November 2 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Longtooth headlines with rock'n'roll, blues and soul from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 3 Bruce Kritt will play classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by John Guernsey with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the Unruly Blues Band will play blues-tinted rock, jazz, funk and reggae from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 4 the Petrified Pickers play blue grass and country classics from 5 to 8 p.m. **Next Week** 

A new art exhibit debuts Tuesday, November 6 with a juried Group Photography Show. Also on Tuesday, Ruthie & the Wranglers return to the Café with the New Old Jamboree from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, November 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Chris Colvin presents an evening of music, stories and surprise guests to raise awareness and funds to benefit New Deal Café friend Tom Constanten (member of the early Grateful Dead), who will soon undergo heart surgery. Thursday, November 8 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies and, from 7 to 9 p.m., James and Martha host an open microphone session.

Friday, November 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz, then the Bumper Jacksons perform a jazz, ragtime and pre-war country repertoire in celebration of Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary from 8 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, November 10, Bruce Kritt will play classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed from 6:30 to 8 p. m. with up-tempo jazz piano by John Guernsey. Stream & the Blue Dragons entertain with flutes, Turkish lute, bass, didgeridoos and drums of many kinds with original melodies from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, November 11 acoustic trio Hokum Jazz will play early blues, swing and jug band music from the '20s '30s and '40s from 5 to 8 p.m. as part of the New Deal Concert Series celebrating Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary.

# Pepco Provides 2,300 Trees for Arbor Day

Residential customers of Pepco. partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation, will receive 2,300 2' to 4' trees ready for planting, up to two per customer, on a first come, first served basis beginning on Monday, November 5. The offer is part of Pepco's Energy Saving Program to conserve energy and reduce household electricity bills by planting trees strategically to shade homes and serve as a windbreak in winter, improving air quality, reducing stormwater run-off, carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions.

To obtain the trees, Pepco customers will need to reserve them at www.arborday.org/pepcotrees. If available, the trees will be shipped by Arbor Day Foundation. Instructions for planting, location and care, which is the Pepco customer's responsibility, are online with a mapping tool at the Arbor Day website.

More information is available by calling the Arbor Day Foundation at 1-855-234-3801 or visiting the website above.



# City Information

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5-9

Wednesday, November 7 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with WSSC at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. This meeting is tentative. Please check www.greenbeltmd.gov to see if it is being held.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



Present this ad to the

following restaurants and receive an extra savings in recognition of Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary!



5040 Greenbelt Road

10% off entire check



131 Centerway 10% off Dinner Three Brothers Beltway Plaza

Beltway Plaza 10% off entire check Sir Walter Raleigh's

**6323 Greenbelt Road** 

10% off entrees

<u>Osaka</u>



# COMMUNITY VISIONING FOR GREENBELT

Join the Mayor and City Council in visioning the future for the City of Greenbelt.

Express your views on how to make Greenbelt the best community it can be.

Attend one of the Community Visioning Sessions on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2012

9:30 am - 12:30 pm at one of the following locations:

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6100 Springhill Drive

Greenbriar Community Building, 7500 Hanover Parkway (location tentative)

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

# GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

Cream Puff was found running....hopping loose near her



home. After her owners were located they decided they no longer could keep her. She is a sweet girl who doesn't seem to mind the kitties and pups that come to greet her in her cage nose to nose.

# Give us a call 301-474-6124



Come out and visit all of the available pets!
The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

See all our pets on Facebook!

# SHUTTLE UM PASSES AVAILABLE!

Recently Council approved a program to allow City residents and employees who are not affiliated with the University to ride University of Maryland shuttles. RESIDENTS MAY NOW PURCHASE ANNUAL SHUTTLE UM PASSES FOR \$10 AT THE GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER, 101 Centerway or the YOUTH CENTER, 99 Centerway.

# VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:
Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board,
Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental
Sustainability

For information call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt CARES has current openings for Individual Adult Counseling. Adults dealing with depression, anxiety, life transitions or other mental health concerns can call CARES at 301-345-6660 for a free intake.

Counseling Services are provided free of charge, with preference given to Greenbelt residents.

# FALL 2012-2013

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 29, 2012 until January 11, 2013. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT MONTH

November 5- 9: Boxwood November 12 Holiday November 13-16: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, Windsor

For a complete schedule, please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/public\_works/leaf\_collection.htm



# WINNERS OF THIS YEARS COSTUME CONTEST:

18 Months & Under – Punk Rocker – Simon Shearer; 2-3 years – Golfer - Enzo Johnson; 4-5 Years – Titano-Boa Nathan Parker-Feng 6-7 Years – Hatching Egg – Hannah Collins; 8-9 Washing Machine – Kyle Krieger; 10-12 "Medusa turned to Stone" – Layla Nordrum; Family – Wizard of Oz – Jacob Novick, Lilly Novick, Johanna Moore, Devin Zeiders, Leah Novick, Emily Novick, Kaleb Moore, Kira Moore, Mia Moore; Pet – Bat Dog – Truffle the dog

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# Artful Afternoon,

November 4, 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center,

15 Crescent Road. FREE, All Ages.

# **Greenbelt Dances! Expo featuring**Free performance (1-2pm) by alight dance

theater, Greenbelt Dance Studio and Jayamagala School of Dance as well as free classes (2-4pm) with Chelsea Calhoun, Ul-

timate Groove and Gretchen Schock, Dance / Yoga Fusion plus a Community Dance Party (4-5pm) with family-friendly tunes and light refreshments.

Plus, learn to make felted beads with Artist in Residence Russ Little

(1-3pm). Reception & performance video screening for new exhibit in the art gallery Shifting Bloom: Sculptural Garments by Stephanie Marie Santos (2-4pm).



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Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov

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# Greenbelt Unofficial Voter Registration Figures\* (as of October 15, 2012)

Precinct Polling Place	Democrat	Republicans	Green	Libertarian	Unaffiliated **	Other	Total
21-3 - Center	1860	316	25	8	376	126	2711
21-6 – North End	1382	367	31	7	333	105	2225
21-8 – Springhill Lake	1420	76	3	4	231	22	1756
21-13 – Greenbelt East	1884	172	7	3	261	80	2407
21-18 – Turning Point Academy	1792	170	7	7	349	96	2421
Greenbelt Total	8338	1101	73	29	1,550	429	11,520
Prince George's County	443,801	47,481	765	939	56,145	19,667	568,798
5th Congressional District ***	161,713	27,244	412	480	25,303	8584	223,736
State of Maryland	2,059,544	959,858	8,716	11,256	614,887	40,266	3,694,527

- \* Registration figures include active registrants only those who have voted in at least one of the last two presidential elections.
- \*\* Unaffiliated (declines) who do not choose a party.
- \*\*\* People who live in parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties and in all of
- St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles Counties.

Source: Prince George's County Board of Elections

78 percent at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Greenbelt East) and 81 percent at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Virtually the same percent of registered voters (slightly over 40 percent each) now live in Greenbelt East, i.e. the Eleanor Roosevelt and Turning Point Academy polling places, as in the Center City (Center and North End). The remainder live in the Springhill Lake polling area.

Springhill Lake (now Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station), however, has traditionally had a very low turnout for elections.

The smaller parties are lightly represented in the city; there are 73 registered for the Green party (compared to 77 in 2008) and 29 for the Libertarian party (up from 25). This year 429 persons were grouped in "other" compared to slightly over 700 people in 2008."

With 72 percent registering as Democrats, Greenbelt is "less" Democrat than Prince George's County which has 78 percent registered as Democrats.

However, the city is significantly more Democrat than the state with only 56 percent of people statewide registering as Democrats. The distribution within the city is similar to the distribution of the 5th Congressional District.

# **Absentee Voting**

Absentee ballots that voters have already received must either be returned to the county Board of Elections in person by 8 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked no later than Election Day or received at the county Board of Elections no later than 10 a.m. on November 16. Although the deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by mail has now passed, it is still possible to go to the county Board of Elections in person to complete a late absentee ballot application at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro. The ballot may then either be voted in person or taken away and mailed back according to the schedule above.

For more information on any of the above matters, call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8030 or visit elections.state.md.us.

# Where to Vote on November 6

The General Election is Tuesday, November 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Prince George's County Board of Elections advises that voters can avoid delays by voting between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Greenbelt has one polling place for each of its five precincts:

Precinct 3: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Precinct 6: Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road

Precinct 8: Springhill Lake Elementary School,

6060 Springhill Drive

Precinct 13: Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway

Precinct 18: Turning Point Academy,

7800 Good Luck Road

All qualified voters should have received an official specimen ballot from the county Board of Elections, which shows the precinct number and the polling place to the left of the household mailing address. A quick way for voters to identify their polling place is by clicking the "find your polling place" button at elections.state.md.us. First-time voters who were not required to show a valid photo ID upon registration may be required to do so upon first voting at the polls.

# **Early Voting Hours Extended**

Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2 are the last days for early voting. The closest location for Greenbelters is the College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue in College Park, where the polling place will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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the proposal indicates that they will lose revenue to Maryland if the proposal is approved. Other arguments in support are that the increased revenues will help fund education in Maryland and that the casino's construction and operation will provide jobs to this area. Opponents claim that funds can easily be diverted from education and that much gambling is done by people who cannot afford to lose money, creating social problems that drain public coffers.

There are two little-known facts about the proposal: (1) Should the proposal lose in Prince George's County but win statewide, there will be no casino in the county, but the other casinos will benefit from the provisions of the new law and (2) if approved, veterans' organizations will be permitted to have gambling machines in their facilities, something that many already have, although never authorized.

### Question 6

Question 6, which would enable couples of the same sex to legally marry, has drawn less attention and resulted in less campaigning but it remains controversial. The law was petitioned to referendum by opponents. While legalizing the marriage of same-sex couples, existing law is unchanged in that no representative of any church whose beliefs do not support such marriages will be required to perform ceremonies. Supporters, including many liberal religious ministries, believe that this is an equal rights issue and that numerous current laws provide special benefits and protections to opposite-sex couples that are not provided to couples of the same sex. Opponents, including many conservative ministries, believe that marriage is between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and that any other form of coupling is contrary to their beliefs.

While early polls have indicated statewide support for the proposal, many believe that that support is diminishing. Ballot proposals in every other state to legalize same-sex marriage have been defeated, even when pre-election polls indicated the measures would pass.

# Question 4

Question 4, which is to approve or reject the Maryland DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act provides that immigrant students with or without documentation who have attended for at least three years and graduated from a Maryland high school and whose parents have filed income tax returns in Maryland

for the past three years, as well as some active-duty service men or women, may attend Maryland community colleges and then four-year universities at in-state tuition rates, subject to complying with other requirements. This act also was petitioned to referendum.

The argument for approval is that it will recognize that these qualifying children of immigrants have been raised in the United States and Maryland, that their parents are taxpayers in good standing and that by being given the opportunity to further advance their education they will become more productive and help support the state tax base. Opponents believe that the DREAM Act will foster illegal immigration and provide subsidies (through lower tuition fees) to foreign citizens.

### **Question 5**

Receiving the least amount of discussion of the controversial ballot questions is Question 5, also petitioned to referendum, which would repeal the adopted state redistricting plan. This plan was adopted by a strongly Democratic legislature to aid Democratic candidates to win election to congress. Currently, four of the six Maryland congressmen are Democrats. Through redistricting the party hopes to gain at least one and possibly two more seats and ensure that Republicans do not make any gains. Similar Republican and Democratic legislative efforts have been made in many other states to ensure stronger party representation in congress. However, the Maryland plan is considered one of the worst examples of gerrymandering. Those good-government advocates who believe that election districts should be compact and contiguous as well as equal in population oppose this redistricting plan. The primary source of opposition that resulted in the petition to repeal has come from state Republicans. To date courts have taken interest in redistricting only if new districts are unequal in population or discriminate against minorities, not in how the plan affects political parties or creates districts that are irregular in shape.

Three other state and seven county questions are on the ballot. None of these has engendered significant opposition and all are expected to win easy approval.

# **Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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enjoyed being the "Walmart Greeter." It was one of my most rewarding and memorable weekends, meeting and greeting friends and neighbors – new and old, of my parents, Lil and Louis Gerstel, and my brother, Allen. Our Greenbelt experiences were unique and ones which we all cherish.

I am sorry we were not able to reach out to more of the Pioneers as we were limited to those who had email addresses. We all missed those who passed away or could not come due to illnesses. Obviously, we missed those who were too far away. However, we had many Pioneers attend who traveled from California, Texas and Florida.

Our Pioneer Brunch on Sunday, proved to be an outstanding success with approximately 80 Pioneers attending. Pioneers from three generations – GHS 1945, NHS 1952-55, Gonzaga and High Point 1960 attended. And all seemed to enjoy the luncheon sponsored by Megan Searing Young and the Greenbelt Museum.

Hopefully, we will be able to repeat this occasion in the near future.

Again, I would like to thank the entire Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee and those who extended our reach in contacting Pioneers, for a wonderful, memorable weekend.

Bless those who are no longer with us.

Marshall Gerstel

Editor's Note: Mr. Gerstel, who now lives in Atlanta, Ga., and Reston, Va., supplied information about his own Greenbelt history, which began with the family's arrival in March 1938 when he was 11 months old. They lived at 16-A and 14-Z Ridge through 1961 and he was in Springhill Lake from 1963 to 1965, before moving back to 14 Court Ridge with his mother while his home was being built in Reston.

# Professional, Speedy Response Thanks

After witnessing what I believe was a transformer "blow" behind our house near the apartment complex this morning (in which we saw a flash of bright light, heard a big boom sound and saw sparks fly from the tree/pole), I called the Greenbelt Police Department, which transferred me to the Fire Department which dispatched a Greenbelt truck that arrived within five minutes.

The firefighters placed caution tape around the perimeter and made sure the area was safe. I assume the electric company was called as they arrived within about 10 minutes and there was no more "current overloading" (or whatever it's called).

Thank you to our fantastic Police and Fire Departments and Pepco for the prompt service. Safety first!

L'il Dan Celdran

# Mixed about Question 6?

In 2012, the Civil Marriage Protection Act was passed by Maryland's General Assembly and signed by Governor Martin O'Malley. Pending voter approval in November 2012, this law will go into effect on January 1, 2013, and same-sex couples will be able to marry in Maryland. There's been some discussion on Greenbelters' listserv on this issue and I would like to offer my 6 cents

1. Voting for Question 6 means religious protection. Civil marriage for gay couples does not affect religious marriages, religious institutions or clergy in any way. No religion would be forced to marry same-sex couples or recognize same-sex marriages within the context of their religious beliefs.

2. Voting for Question 6 would allow all couples access to the same marital rights and benefits.

3. Voting for Question 6 gives same-sex couples the tools and the security to build a life together and to protect their families. Same-sex couples are often denied: hospital visitation when there's been an accident or illness, the ability to obtain "fam-

ily" health coverage, taxation and inheritance rights, rights as a parent of their children, protection in case the relationship ends.

4. Voting for Question 6 means voting for equality for everyone. "Legal marriage has evolved to grant women equal status to men, to allow for contraception and to allow interracial couples to wed. Forty five years ago, my husband and I would have been denied the rights of marriage.

5. Voting for Question 6 would practice the value of treating others as one would want to be treated

6. Voting for Question 6 would support our Greenbelt neighbors and give my friends and family the same protections and rights that my family and I appreciate.

Support Marriage Equality Legislation for all and vote for Question 6.

Li'l Dan Celdran

Much of this information was taken from Marylanders for Marriage Equality. For more information, visit: http://www.equalitymaryland.org/marriage.



Doug Love is hosting a

# FORUM ON THE 14 BALLOT ISSUES

Sunday Nov. 4, 4-6 PM,

# **Greenbelt Community Center**

Sponsored in part by Maryland United for Peace and Justice

To present a side on an issue, contact Doug ASAP

dlove@douglove.info or 301 474 8663

Be concise and complete. Time is limited.



# STENY HOYER DEMOCRAT

# Getting the Job Done for Prince George's County

# **Creating Jobs**

■ Helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs in our area

# **Supporting Small Businesses**

- Helped pass the Small Business Jobs Act, which cut taxes for small businesses that create jobs and increased lending to small businesses in Maryland by over \$260 million
- Securing funding for the county's Small Business Initiative, which provides assistance to local, small and minority-owned businesses

# **Improving Transportation**

 Secured funding for maintenance to the Metro system, improving our transportation infrastructure and creating local jobs

# **Protecting Health Care Reform**

- Helped enact the health care reform law that gives families and businesses control over their health care instead of insurance companies
- Will fight any attempt to turn Medicare into a voucher program

# Respecting Our Veterans

■ Secured a grant for the Housing Authority of Prince George's County to provide permanent housing and assistance to homeless veterans

# Fighting for Equal Pay

■ Voted to require that companies pay women the same wages as men for the same work



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# **NEWS IN REVIEW**

November 1, 2012

# **Emergency Preparedness:** Microchipping Companion Animals

By the Companion Animal Committee

One of the more important steps you might take when developing a disaster preparedness plan for your companion animals (CAs) is to microchip them, even if they always wear collars and tags. If you are separated from your CAs and they lose their collars and tags, it can be very difficult to be reunited with them, especially during a disaster or other emergency. A microchip is a tiny transponder about the size of a grain of rice that uses radio frequency waves to transmit information. The microchip is implanted just under the skin between the animal's shoulder blades. The microchip contains a registration number and the phone number of the microchip registry. The procedure does not require anesthesia and is easily

It should not be difficult to find a veterinarian who will implant a microchip. The cost varies depending on the veterinarian and the registry subscribed to, but is usually between \$60-\$80 in this area. Some registries don't charge to list the animal in just the local community. One of the issues with microchips is that there are different types of microchips using different frequencies. It may be worthwhile to contact your veterinarian or local animal shelters to determine what brands of microchips they are able to scan.

Once the microchip has been implanted, it is very important that you register your companion animal with the microchip company. You will be provided with a tag for your ani-



Princess, a senior adopted dog, was microchipped 3 years ago. Photo by Melissa R'kingsley.

mal's collar that contains the chip number and the registry phone number. If you move, remember to contact the microchip registry and update your information.

Microchips, collars and tags can help reunite you with your CAs should you be separated during a disaster. Have your CAs microchipped now and be prepared.



# Pepco Upgrade Update

PEPCO tree trimming is underway in GHI. For more information and regular updates, check your weekly eNews or call the PEPCO Staff Forester at 202-388-2340.

# Be a Part of Cooperative Living! Come to one of the next Pre-Purchase Orientation for

prospective members.

Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 1 at 11:00 a.m. GHI Board Room, One Hamilton Place, Greenbelt MD 20770

For more information or to RSVP, call Bruce Mangum 301-474-4161, ext. 146.

### INFORMATION ON LEAF BAGS



Through November 30th, leaf bags will continue to be available for members at the GHI warehouse between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (the warehouse is closed each day between noon and 1 p.m.) Each member household is allotted ten bags. Members may also pick up bags for neighbors who are unable to do so. After November 30th bags will be available on a first-come-firstserved basis until the supply is exhausted.

# **GREAT GHI ANNUAL PICNIC**



Ed Fallon, Lauren Cummings, and Sylvia Lewis. Photo by Eric Zhang

By Jo-Anne Fournier

Despite the cold, overcast clouds and rain, the GHI Picnic must go on and so it did. After all, the kids had already spotted the Moon Bounce in the GHI parking lot.

A special thank you to Lauren Cummings for all the effort she put into making the GHI's Annual picnic a great success and to the volunteers who pitched in and made it a great picnic: Beth Chandler, Don Dorsey, Bhamaney Fishbeck, Johanna Goderre, Jeanette Holman, Kathie Jarva, Gail Phillips, Altoria Ross, Gretchen Schock, Colette Zanin, and a few who just pitched in at the last minute. And to GHI staff members Matt Berres, Joan Krob, Eldon Ralph, and other staff members who helped set up the tables inside.



# Veterans Day is November 11, 2012

On Veterans Day we raise the Flag in honor and memory for the women and men who served our country. GHI would like to offer some reminders of proper flag etiquette.

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
- To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.
- For more details on properly handling and display of an American flag, please go to: http://www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml.

For answers to your questions on Veterans Day, please go to the US Dept of Veterans Affairs: http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetday\_faq.asp.

All permanently installed flag poles should be permitted through GHI's Technical Services department.



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### **WHAT'S HAPPENING! NOVEMBER** Thu 1 7:30 pm **Board Meeting** Sat 3 11:00 am Pre-Purchase Orientation Wed 7 7:00 pm New Member Social Thu 8 6:45 pm **Investment Committee** Thu 8 7:30 pm Finance Committee 9 OFFICES CLOSED Fri Sat 10 9am-1pm Leaf Bags-Parkway Garage #11 12 **OFFICES CLOSED** Mon 8:30 am Tue 13 Yard Line Committee Architectural Review Comm. Wed 14 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 15 Thu **Board Meeting** 7:00 pm Mon 19 Pre-Purchase Orientation Tue 20 7:30 pm Companion Animal Comm. 21 Wed 7:00 pm Woodlands Committee 22 Thu OFFICES CLOSED Thanksgiving Fri OFFICES CLOSED Mon 7:00 pm 26 Communications Committee Tue 27 8:30 am Yard Line Committee **Buildings Committee** Wed 28 7:00 pm **DECEMBER** Sat 1 11:00 am Pre-Purchase Orientation 7:30 pm Thur 6 **Board Meeting** 7 Fri OFFICES CLOSED

(Dates are subject to change) Maintenance service is available –for real emergencies only- outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.

# **GHI E-NEWS**

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# November Artful Afternoon To Celebrate the Art of Dance

November's Artful Afternoon is a Greenbelt Dances! Expo that will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 4.

Dance performances by local dancers of all ages run from 1 to 4 p.m. and will include the Greenbelt Dance Studio, Alight dance theater, Ultimate Groove, classical Indian dancers from Jaymagala and others. From 4 to 5 p.m. there will be an allages dance party.

From 1 to 3 p.m. create felted beads in a workshop led by Artistin-residence Russ Little. Visit other Community Center artists-in-residence in their third floor studios from 1 to 4 p.m.

In the gallery, there is a new art exhibit, "Shifting Bloom: Sculptural Garments" by fashion designer and fiber artist Stephanie Marie Santos, whose works show how movement and sculpture are related in a complex series of wearables inspired by forms, textures and life-cycles of flora. An artist's reception and video screening will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. While there (before 2:30 p.m.) stop at the art gallery desk to enter the monthly drawing for free tickets to a Greenbelt Arts Center performance.

The exhibit "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years" will be open in the museum room at the Community Center. The museum's



historic house will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. at 10-B Crescent Road for a nominal fee (or free with membership to the museum).

All Artful Afternoon activities and performances are free, family-friendly and open to all. For additional information or to volunteer call 240-542-2057.

Artful Afternoons are an award-winning monthly series produced by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.



**News Review's Anniversary** Dinner is on NOVEMBER 18 There are still a few tickets left. \$50 Sold at the office Mon-Tues, 2-4 pm.

After you vote for Obama, Cardin, and Hoyer,

we recommend the following votes:

Question 4 for Fair College Tuition ("The Dream Act")

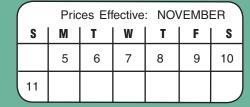
NO Question 5 against Gerrymandering (New Congressional Districts)

YES Question 6 for Civil Marriage for Same-Sex Couples

Question 7 against More Gaming (More Locations/Less \$\$ for Schools)

Sincerely, David & Sandra Lange

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# **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\_report.pdf.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### **Drug Arrest**

October 23, 12:03 a.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A 19-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### DWI/DUI

October 20, 2:34 a.m., 6300 block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### **Disorderly Conduct**

October 20, 3:33 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A non-resident juvenile female was petitioned for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, obstructing and hindering and giving a false statement to an officer. She was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

### **Trespassing**

October 21, 1:17 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 32-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on a citation pending trial.

### Burglary

October 22, 12:47 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics were taken.

### Vandalism

October 20, 9:05 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. Two windows were broken.

# Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were reported stolen, a dark blue 2007 Volkswagen Passat with Md. tags taken from the 6200 block Springhill Court and a black 2006 Dodge Charger with MD tags taken from the 6100 block Cherrywood Lane.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 1999 Dodge Durango stolen from Mandan Road at Canning Terrace was recovered in Lanham by Prince George's

# **Serial Auto Arsonist Strikes Hanover Pwy**

Greenbelt police report that early Monday morning before dawn on October 29 a serial arsonist hit Hanover Parkway, totally burning three cars, with three more that may be salvageable.

According to county fire investigators, those fires were at least the seventh recent event in the county. Other fires were in the Bowie/Laurel/Largo areas. The arsonist has broken the vehicle windows, igniting them with boxes of matches.

The investigation will be handled by Prince George's Fire Department arson investigators. Two vehicles were towed to the Greenbelt police station for processing.

County Police with no arrests made. A 1999 Dodge Caravan taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace was recovered in Upper Marlboro by Prince George's County Police with no arrests made.

Four reports of thefts from autos were received: 7900 block Mandan Road (parking pass), 7400 block Frankfort Drive (GPS unit), 9100 block Edmonston Court (car radio/DVD unit), 7900 block Mandan Road (wallet).

Vandalism was reported at the beginning of Ridge Road (car windshield was broken), 6200 block Breezewood Court (tires were slashed), 8000 block Mandan Road (rear car window was broken), 9100 block Edmonston Road (car window was broken), 7900 block Mandan Road (car window was broken), 7800 block Mandan Road (car window was broken), 6500 block Lake Park Drive (tires were slashed), 8100 block Mandan Road (car window was broken), 6200 block Springhill Drive (windshield was broken and tires flattened).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

# Dress for Safety Wear White At Night so drivers can see you!

# New Officers Bring Police to Full Staff

### by Barbara Simon

Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office to two new police officers on Monday, October 22 at the Greenbelt City Council meeting. Chief James Craze told council this brings the department to its full strength of 57 officers. The new officers will graduate from the Anne Arundel County Police Academy on November 7.

Craze introduced the new recruits: Christina Foster formerly worked for Goddard Space Flight Center in charge of their security division's canine unit. She lives in Charles County and is a defensive back for the Washington Divas, a women's football team. She is radar certified, has had shooter training and has been a firearms safety training instructor.

Michael Epperd was formerly



Mayor Judith Davis swears in new police officers Christina Foster and Michael Epperd while Chief James Craze watches.

an emergency medical technician for a private ambulance company and has worked at Greenbelt's Aquatic and Fitness Center. He volunteers at the Bladensburg fire department and was previously with the Riverdale department for five years. He is a member of the 290th Military Police Company with the Maryland National Guard. He lives in Riverdale.

# City Crime Drop Continues For First Six Months of Year

by Peter W. Gray

Greenbelt has experienced the fewest number of reported crimes from January to July this year than for the same period of any other year since 2008. The 2012 total of 613 crimes continues the trend of decrease each year from the 2008 number of 841.

In the seven categories of crime listed, five have experienced a significant decrease since 2008 and also show a noticeable difference from the same period in 2011. In July last year, for example, 49 robberies had been reported, as compared to this year's 36. In 2008, 76 robberies occurred.

Similarly, aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts have decreased by four and five since 2011 and by 40 and 111 since 2008. Larcenies and aggravated assaults also decreased. Two more rapes, however, were reported than was the case last year (though two less than 2010's five-year high of seven), as well as 11 more accounts of breaking or entering.

When asked to account for the overall decrease in crime, Patrol Division Commander Captain Carl Schinner cited license plate readers and fingerprint scanners as national timesavers. "Locally," Schinner said, "communication and partnerships between allied law enforcement partners has never been stronger. This information sharing allows criminal information to flow freely across jurisdictional borders, making it more difficult for repeat offenders to commit offenses in the region."

# Franklin Park

Even more locally, Schinner observed that "the Department's partnership with the management at Franklin Park has paid several positive dividends to the Greenbelt community as a whole, including a lower crime rate."

In a breakdown of crime by sectors, the Franklin Park area still had the highest crime rate of any Greenbelt sector for the first six months of this year, slightly more than for Greenbelt East. Franklin Park's 232 crimes included 96 reports of breaking and entering, 14 robberies, eight aggravated assault charges and two rape accounts.

Schinner credits the economic downturn as a possible cause for the increase in robberies. In Greenbelt East there were over five times as many larceny offenses as crimes in any other individual crime category, accounting for nearly half of all larcenies committed within the city.

In fact, two businesses in Greenbelt East accounted for 48 of the 168 larcenies. Schinner revealed that a third merchant, which provides lockers for its patrons, faced 32 larcenies in the same reporting period.

To help drive crime numbers down, the chief suggested: "People should remember when they patronize a merchant that provides lockers for its customers, it is their responsibility to secure the locker."

Greenbelt Center sector had 90 crimes committed, with 20 breaking-and-enterings and 14 robberies. Beltway Plaza had 58 counts of larceny since January and 63 total offenses, including two robberies.

The Branchville area sector (now just Metro Drive until new development construction takes place) has just one more report than in the previous year, bringing the year's total so far to two (a robbery and a larceny). The Metro sector has just one offense reported, a larceny, which occurred in July.

# Other Statistics

While crime dropped in the first six months, police traffic en-

forcement increased significantly. Police issued only 232 traffic tickets in July last year but handed out nearly double that number this year. This trend is reflected in traffic tickets issued for the first half of this year – 4,431 as compared to 2011's 2,608 tickets.

Police may be issuing more traffic tickets but they still show some mercy. Warnings from January to June 2012 totaled 8,939, double the 4,127 at that time in 2011 and almost double the number of all tickets issued this year

There has been increased police attention to traffic enforcement, with a 25 percent increase from last year in driving underthe-influence traffic arrests, reflecting an almost 40 percent increase from 2011 year-to-date totals. However, the number of property damage-only traffic accidents increased by five percent. In addition two traffic fatality accidents, with three deaths, while not handled by the Greenbelt Police, were located on interstate and federal highways within the city.

# Traffic Safety

Schinner credited the dramatic increase in traffic enforcement to state-managed traffic safety programs. Such programs encourage attending patrol officers to "look beyond the traffic stop in an effort to keep the community safe." Schinner also cited a Baltimore County Police Department study that proved positive byproducts have been seen when police departments concentrate on enforcing minor motor vehicle laws in specific locations.

"One of the byproducts is less traffic collisions and the collisions that do occur are less severe in nature," Schinner explained. "The other byproduct is the targeted area experiences less criminal activity."

☑ Plan to Vote on Tuesday, November 6 ☑

# City Sign at Northway Warns about Hunting

Last year, when resident Cam McQueen found remains of several deer in city woodlands behind the community gardens, she was concerned about possible deer hunting and notified city and state authorities. Subsequent investigation could not determine that the deer had been poached from city land.

While reports of possible hunting in the Forest Preserve are not uncommon, locating the remains of deer that had been rendered raised new concerns about the possibility that individuals were hunting in those protected woodlands.

City Code prohibits hunting of any type within city limits. Violation of laws regarding hunting or harming any wild animal, including birds, reptiles and amphibious creatures is an offense that could result in criminal prosecution.

At the time of the carcass discovery city staff was already working on new signage for the Northway and Northway Fields complex, as well as signage for the Forest Preserve as part of a "Sign Diet" project to replace over 40 signs put up over the years. Northway was the only area where No Hunting signs were posted.

The Public Works Department has been installing new signs along Northway and at Northway Fields, as well as at entrances to the Forest Preserve clearly stating hunting is prohibited on cityowned land.

Because council designated the city-owned wooded land north and east of Ridge Road as a forest preserve and appointed the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) to provide public input into its management and maintenance, the board has focused on increasing public awareness of the forest preserve. FPAB also worked on design and wording of new forest preserve regulatory signage to remind the public of activities that were encouraged within the preserve as well as the prohibited activities.

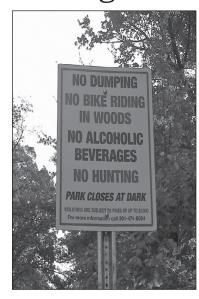
Residents are asked to report suspicious activities in these

# Fall Wildlife Visitor Center Artist Hynes

Local photographer Gloria Hynes' work will be exhibited during November at the Patuxent Research Refuge Hollingsworth Gallery. Hynes is a long-time resident of Laurel. She is also a Prince George's County Master Gardener who has appeared on public TV and library programs offering gardening tips. Her photographs serve to help raise awareness of natural beauty all around.

Her purpose is to "draw attention to the main subject of the shot and still be aware of the background or other important aspects of the image." Hynes writes that she loves to travel and always has her camera ready for those "Rembrandt moments" like sunrises and sunsets. Her photos are matted and printed on archival material.

The Gallery is located at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.



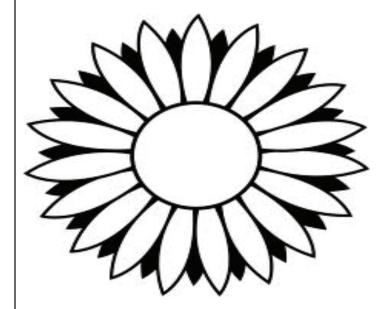
and other areas to the Greenbelt Police at 301-474-7200 (non-emergency) or 301-474-5454 (emergency).



At the Pumpkin Walk on October 26 the legendary Goatman makes an appearance. He says that he came from Glenn Dale Hospital, "Everyone needs to know that I am the friendly Goatman." "Happy Halloween," he greets visitors.

# **Vote for Peace & Nonviolence**

# Green Party Jill Stein for President Bob Auerbach for Congress



Nonviolence
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Jill Stein

**Bob Auerbach** 

Consensus Maryland Green Party recommendations on Ballot Issues:

**FOR Question 4**—Expand educational opportunity for young people; but Greens oppose the military recruitment goals of the federal version of the so-called "DREAM Act."

**AGAINST Question 5**—Vote against politically gerrymandered redistricting. Bob Auerbach calls for proportional representation of Maryland's congressional seats in a statewide election.

**FOR Question 6**—Support equal rights.

**AGAINST Question 7**—Vote NO on expanded gambling. Social costs of gambling outweigh any supposed public benefit. Gambling especially harms the poor and enriches the gambling industry.

After Election Day, Tuesday November 6, 2012, Greenbelt Greens will continue to meet. All are welcome to participate and help organize the Green movement for nonviolence and other Green values. Call Bob at 301-441-2621 or Green organizing at 240-391-8814 or e-mail <a href="mailto:bobauerbach2012@gmail.com">bobauerbach2012@gmail.com</a>.

Paid for by Candidate Bob Auerbach, 14-X Ridge Rd., Greenbelt MD 20770.

# STORM continued from page 1

Inc. (GHI) allocated staff and installed sump pumps in floodprone boiler rooms.

The federal, state and county governments also took preemptive action. The federal government shut down on Monday, schools were closed and Maryland declared a state of emergency and pressed targeted evacuations.

In Greenbelt, the city closed all recreation facilities Monday and Tuesday and suspended normal administrative operations while essential workers worked through the day and, in some cases, through the night. As the first bands of intense wind and rain arrived late Monday afternoon, the Co-op Grocery Store closed early.

In the aftermath, the consensus among Greenbelt's storm responders was clear.

"We came through better than expected," said McLaugh-

"We caught a break with the weather and we had no serious flooding problems."

One question that's come up, he said, is the impact of this summer's derecho, which brought down many weak trees in the area.

"Did that help us with this storm in terms of fewer trees lost? It's impossible to say, but people are asking."

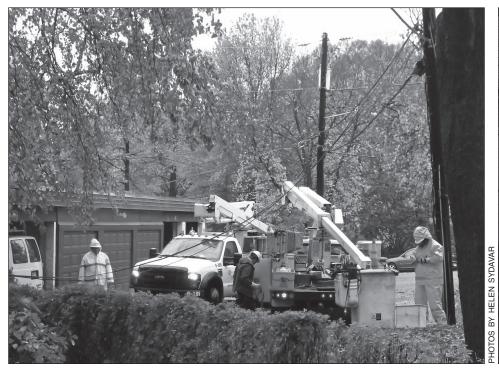
The Washington Post noted that in Maryland, wind speeds were slightly lower because of wind direction – from west to east toward the coast. In New Jersey and New York City, winds blew from the ocean in and were more intense.

Sandy still packed a punch in Greenbelt but as Matt Berres, GHI's director of maintenance operations put it, "We were expecting a lot worse."

# **Power Outages**

The lights stayed on in most of Greenbelt, with the exception of the south end of the city, including Roosevelt Center, which had about a two-hour outage late Monday afternoon. There was a brief power interruption on Tuesday morning in the same area that lasted less than an hour. Residents reported that Pepco crews responded promptly to the calls.

The only power outage remaining in Greenbelt on Tuesday afternoon was at Lakeside North, reported earlier that day, according to McLaughlin. Four Pepco trucks were on the scene





For both photos above, a tree fell in 7 Court Crescent Road, taking down a power line. Three trucks responded, two for power restoration and one for tree work.

on Tuesday afternoon. The Pepco website showed 12,000 customers out of power late Tuesday afternoon, down from 44,000 at the storm's peak.

Pepco began tree-trimming and equipment upgrades in Greenbelt in September 2010 and is working with the city on the project, which is still underway.

Pepco spokesman Bob Hainey said that Pepco is still assessing damage in Prince George's County, Montgomery County and Washington, D.C.

When asked of the utility's assessment of its performance during Sandy, Hainey said, "It's too early to know." After the rain ends, the company will compile a full assessment and prepare a report to the Public Service Commission.

He did say that crews were able to work through the night in periods when the wind died down and that helped get problems resolved more quickly.

# **Tree Problems**

Several trees fell on city land and on GHI property but property damage was not extensive, given the storm's potential power. An uprooted oak tree fell and blocked the pedestrian tunnel at Hillside and Crescent but caused no property damage and no one was injured.

GHI's Berres described the problems as "mostly minor" except for a large red oak that uprooted in rain-soaked soil and Lawson of the Greenbelt Police

fell Tuesday morning between rows of 22 Court Hillside Road. A porch fence and vard area were damaged.

Elsewhere in GHI. an uprooted cedar tree fell and struck a car in 14 Court Ridge Road and other smaller trees and tree limbs have fallen in yards.

Now that the storm is over, Berres said members should assess the trees in their vard for any that are leaning or have broken limbs. Trees also may uproot - so check to see if any appear to be shifting in the rain-saturated soil and report the problem to GHI.

# Storm Response

Greenbelters were lucky in another way this week - to have so many dedicated people involved with storm response, including the city administration, public works, the police and fire departments and GHI, along with many volunteers. The News Review staff worked through the storm on Monday to ensure the publication of this week's issue.

Police officers "kept tabs on the entire city," said Kelly

Department.

'We monitored conditions all night, driving around town to check on flooding and power outages, checking in with Pepco and reporting back to the chief," she said. She noted that two trees fell on wires in wooded areas, one near Ridge and Crescent Roads and the other near Lakeside and Cres-

"The biggest problem we had was not Pepco's response but that people would come out of their houses in dark clothes to see what was going on and walk in



Robert Tripe (center) and others of the Greenbelt Public Works Dept. clear fallen tree branches at the Crescent Rd. underpass at Hillside Rd.

the middle of the road while Pepco trucks were moving," she said.

Storm drains and the Greenbelt Lake dam and spillway were priorities for Public Works Director Kenny Hall. On Friday staff checked chainsaws and other equipment and were prepared to deal with any drainage problems.

"We kept a close eye on the drains and the lake Monday and overnight," he said. "Leaves were washing into the drains.

We had a three-man crew clearing the drains and monitored the lake all night. We had no breach in the dam and lost no major trees to my knowledge."

The city was spared but officer Lawson said responders were prepared for whatever the storm delivered.

"Greenbelt has amazing resolve," she said. "It's fortunate that we didn't have a catastrophic event. But even if Sandy had been much worse, the city could have handled it."



A car's windshield was smashed in 14 Court Ridge Road. The remainder of the car escaped damage.

# Tony and Ruth Morris Celebrate 70 Years

It seems like only yesterday that Tony and Ruth were married. But it was a fleeting seventy years ago on November 1, 1942 that Tony, now 93, and Ruth, now 90 years old, exchanged wedding vows in Washington, DC.

They moved to Greenbelt in 1949, and have lived in their present row house on Ridge Road for 59 years. Tony was a research virologist at National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration before his retirement in the late seventies. After that, he was a scientific consultant in the field of the reliability of vaccinations.

Together with the loving care and attention of Ruth as homemaker, they raised four children who all reside in the greater Washington area. The children, spouses and grandchildren take great pride in Ruth and Tony's lifetime accomplishments, foremost of which is persuading the Almighty to allow them to share and grow in their love of each other for 25,550 days, with the abiding hope that many more days are to follow.

Happy Joyous Anniversary!

From your loving Family

# City Council Declined to Deal With Community-wide Wireless

by Patrick Donohue

The Greenbelt City Council stonewalled the idea of wireless internet being established throughout Greenbelt in 2013 at City Manager Michael McLaughlin's update to council on Wednesday, October 17.

His update dealt with management objectives and capital projects for Fiscal Year 2013.

These issues were broken up into various relevant city departments in a packet that had been distributed to council. And as Councilmembers went in turn through each department's list, a debate arose when they reached the Information Technology (IT) Department.

"Is there no interest in establishing wireless in city buildings?" NASA Goddard researcher and audience member Chris Shuman asked, not having seen this topic on the IT department's list of things to accomplish.

"This is an efficiency for all city staff," Shuman said, "to be able to do things wherever the meeting happens to be, across city buildings."

"It's not necessarily a question of no interest," Mayor Judith Davis responded. "To be honest, we have many more major problems to be worked out with IT right now."

"It's on the radar screen but it is not on the fiscal year 2013

program," McLaughlin added. **Pushed for Change** 

But Shuman said he has been pushing for this change for more than 10 years and does not understand why it has not yet been made a priority.

"The first time I brought it forward was actually right after 9/11," Shuman said. "This works in a lot of places; why can't we do it here?"

Shuman cited two organizations he is a part of, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and Goddard, that have made wireless work.

"GHI implemented wireless technology in their old building.' Shuman said, "and Goddard has secure guest and staff networks that run parallel with each other."

Councilmember Konrad Herling also opposed Shuman's request by saying he has heard there may be a number of opportunities in the next few years where the cost of wireless will go down.

"So it actually makes sense to hold off for a bit, from that standpoint at least," Herling said.

But Shuman insisted that wireless internet throughout the city would not only make city staff more efficient but also that it could virtually pay for itself in the form of meeting space rentals in places such as the Community

He believes if the Commu-

nity Center had guest wireless access, it would attract meetings such as teleconferences, where certain members may not be able to attend, thus increasing rental revenue.

"It's hard to miss that it's absent here," Shuman said.

### **Budget, Revenue**

The update also included discussions about the budget, revenue and expenditures of Fiscal Year 2012.

And although FY2012 is not yet complete, revenue and expenditure numbers have essentially been finalized.

In summary, General Fund revenues ended the fiscal year approximately \$17,900 higher than expenditures and final (unaudited) revenues exceeded the budget estimate by \$93,600, a 0.3 percent difference.

Two entities cited in the meeting as having helped bolster revenues were Aquatic & Fitness Center fees and red light camera

The Aquatic & Fitness Center's increase in revenue has accrued in large part from sales of annual passes and from the swim classes offered.

And the red light camera's resurgence is attributed to progress in renovation of the Kenilworth Avenue bridge, which has allowed their reinstallation.

# High Point HS Graduates Celebrate Class Reunion

by Judy Bell

The 1956 and 1957 classes of High Point High School, which in those days was attended by most Greenbelt teens, celebrated graduation anniversaries together on September 22, a beautiful Saturday afternoon. About 100 mostly gray-haired people gathered at Meadow Fox Farm, a large estate in the countryside of Leesburg, Va.

The event was hosted by estate owners, classmate Sheila Graham Heider and her husband Albert. A tent was erected, complete with tables, chairs and appetizers. The occasion was informal, which provided the opportunity to mingle freely without any loud background noise to distract from the conversation.

Several of us – Joan Rexrode Welsh, Esther Stedman Bond from San Diego, Judy Kasko Myrick and this reporter - carpooled down to the party together, chatting all the way, making the trek an adventure in itself. Quite a few attendees came from long distances such as Arizona, South Carolina, Texas, Michigan and Florida. One person said he was persuaded by another classmate to come because this could be the last reunion for our

A number of classmates who grew up in Greenbelt attended, including the aforementioned Myrick, Terry Wiram, Bob "Chotch" Cherry, Ellen Crofford Kosireski and Pete Boggs. It was a pleasure to see one of our teachers there, 89-year-old Frankie McMillan, escorted by her husband.

The Class of 1956 was the first to graduate from the newly built school in Beltsville. Most of the students in this class had spent their sophomore year at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville and were transferred to High Point as juniors; there was no graduating class in 1955.

Delicious pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, lemonade and beer were on the menu, along with a cake and many yummy pies to gobble up. A three-piece string band played quietly in the background while we indulged our appetites.

We whiled away the lovely fall afternoon connecting with old friends and classmates. While it was wonderful to catch up on each other's lives, I was struck by the sad fact that more than a quarter of my 1956 classmates have died; 52 by my count. There were 51 gone in the 1955 class. The old axiom, "Make every day count because you never know which one will be your last," really hit home for me that afternoon.

Our classes have had several reunions together and for this reporter this last one was the best. Here's to another.

their patients' well being, crafting

bright and beautiful smiles, one

dental patient at a time."

# **Restaurant Week** Is Now to Nov. 7

Today through Wednesday, November 7 is Greenbelt Restaurant Week, with seven local restaurants giving a 10 percent discount in celebration of the city's 75th anniversary. The seven are the New Deal Café and Beijing at Roosevelt Center, Siri's Chef Secret, Royal Jade, Sir Walter Raleigh's, Three Brothers, Osaka and the Silver Diner, all along the Greenbelt Road stretch.

To get the discount, diners will need to bring the ad/coupon in the city ad in the News Review or fliers available at Recreation Department sites or at www.greenbeltmd.gov/75.

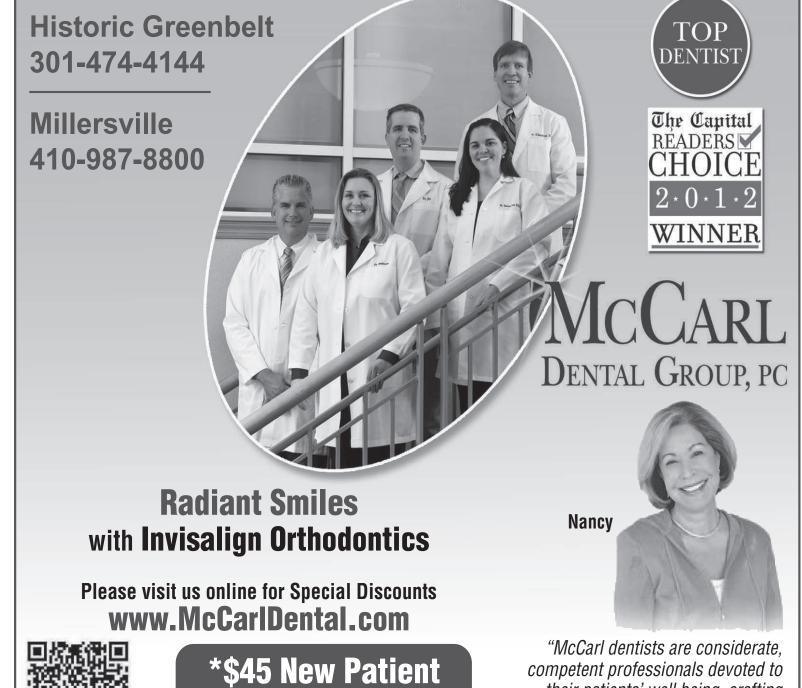
# St. Gregory's Slavic Food Fest Is Nov. 3

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will hold a Slovak Food Festival and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Eastern European foods including holupki, pirohi, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut will be available for eat-in, hot carry-out or frozen carry-out. Bake sale includes kolacsi (walnut, poppyseed, prune, apricot, raspberry) and other home-made desserts.

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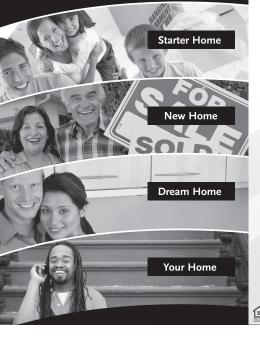
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For more information call Greenbelt Post 136 or Paul Durance at 301-814-7694 or by email to rsvp2paul@gmail.com.

# **American Legion** Member Meeting

An American Legion membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. with a free meal served prior to the meeting. Vietnam veterans who attend the meeting will receive a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War signed by the President of the United States.

# **Combined Choir** Rehearsals Start

On Thursdays, November 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Combined Choir will hold rehearsals for the traditional annual Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service at Greenbelt Community Church. The Community Church is at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The Thanksgiving service will be held the evening of Wednesday, November 21.

For more information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

# **Proteus Bike Shop At Farmers Market**

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75th Anniversary

# How Could I Have Been So Wrong?

by Gloria Shelton Drake

When I heard about the plans for the Greenbelt 75th "Gala," I thought it could never be successful.

First – A dinner dance? When you are celebrating 75 years, chances are the celebrators will be 70 to 80+ years old. Dance, I don't think so. You would need to be aware of their walkers and canes on the dance floor.

Not at all! Peaches and her orchestra were sensational, playing all the right tunes as we remembered them. Not only was the dance floor packed, with Joanne Kellaher leading the way, but many were also singing along. You would have had to see the conga line to believe it.

Second – Dining at 8 p.m.? A little late for the seniors! I was afraid many would be in a diabetic coma if they ate that late.

But no one present had any problems and the food was worth waiting for. An array of fresh fruit and cheeses were presented in a picturesque manner, followed by a hardy fall vegetable soup completely covered with a hot biscuit topping. Next, a crisp salad and then an entrée of crab and baked stuffed chicken covered in a tangy sauce with vegetables on the side. The dessert buffet was unbelievable. It completed a wonderful meal.

The servers were all friendly and accommodating. The decorations provided just the right atmosphere and a huge birthday cake greeted us when we arrived.

The evening ended with lots of hugs, kisses and promises to stay in touch.

On Sunday, folks who had attended Greenbelt schools and some who had gone to parochial schools, including the beautiful Moore sisters who had gone



Richard and Ann Castaldi dance.



Clayton McCarl (center) shakes a leg in the conga



Former Greenbelt Councilmember Joe Isaacs hugs former Mayor Gil Weidenfeld.

to Notre Dame Academy, and several of the faculty all got together in a hospitality room provided by the city, spear-headed by Marshall Gerstel to extend our socializing.

We looked at old pictures and tried to identify these youngsters playing on teams, swimming in the pool, playing tennis and enjoying the playgrounds. We were

fortunate to have been some of those kids.

Spiegel.

Then it was time for the weekend to be over and for us to return to the present.

I have served on committees and I am aware that it takes time, talent and a commitment that is sometimes overwhelming.

I commend this committee. They achieved perfection.



Joe Houser and pioneer Marilyn Maryn

Mistress of ceremonies Carol Malveaux.

# Dorothy Lauber's Memory Honored

by Jim Link

A year after Dorothy Lauber's death, nearly 50 of her family and friends gathered on Saturday afternoon, October 20 at Buddy Attick Park's new Rain Garden to dedicate a new bench to honor her memory and to celebrate her life.

More than half a dozen speakers, including Mayor Judith Davis, Ed Putens, Leta Mach, Luisa Robles, Eldon Ralph, Sandra Lange, Sue Ready, Pamela Gregory, Mary Lou Williamson and Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, spoke eloquently of Dorothy's "priceless attributes," her "common sense," "quiet strength," quirky sense of humor, generosity of spirit and her tireless commitment to the values of the town she loved so much for 49 years - Greenbelt.

Dorothy's voluntary activities over the years included work at the Nursery School Board of Directors, the News Review, the GHI Board of Directors, the Labor Day Fes-



Cole and Alexa Lauber sit at a bench at Buddy Attick Park in memory of their mother Dorothy Lauber.

tival, the city's Election Board and as a docent for the Greenbelt Museum.

Dorothy's daughter Alexa recalled celebrating her fifth birthday with her family at the very spot where her mother's bench was dedicated. Dorothy's son Cole recalled swimming illegally in the lake with Mary Lou Williamson's daughter Margaret and their buddy Tim Savage. Alexa was "too grossed out" to join.

Cole added that Dorothy "loved walking around this lake, which she did hundreds, perhaps

thousands of times, pulling Alexa and me in a red wagon or having us ride along on the back of her bike. She was always out and about in Greenbelt, walking with Barbara Havekost or Solange Hess or Pamela Gregory."

Solange Hess lamented that she could no longer take her seasonal trips over the Bay Bridge with Dorothy to savor the sight of so many varieties of birds in Eastern Maryland or to appreciate with her the changing colors of autumn leaves.

John Henry Jones recalled that Dorothy and Bob Lauber "were the first Greenbelters to invite an interracial couple (John Henry and his wife Elaine) into their home for dinner."

Konrad Herling, who couldn't be at the dedication ceremony, summed up the sentiments of many in a letter he wrote for the occasion, read by Cole: "Dorothy's love for each of us as individuals made each of us better and more enriched, and strengthened our sense of community. I am glad we loved her too."



Our sympathies to News Review staffer Jessi Britton on the death of her sister, Lynn Chesnut, of Centre, Ala., on October 7, 2012.

We were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Edward J. Patridge, 70, of Palm Bay, Fla. on October 20, 2012, and send sympathy to his wife Bernetta ("Cookie") and other family and friends. Ed was head usher at St. Hugh's church for many years.

### **Congratulations to:**

- Elizabeth Gardner, a 7th grader at Greenbelt Middle School, and Bela Martins, a 3rd grader at Greenbelt Elementary, whose essays on their favorite teachers were among the 10 finalists in the Gazette's "My Favorite Teacher" contest. Elizabeth's essay nominated her 4th grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, Molly Simms. Bela nominated her 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Gallo. Voting for the Favorite Teacher from Prince George's County will take place later, online. By entering the contest, the girls were eligible to win an Apple iPad. Elizabeth was the lucky winner; a photo of her appears in the October 18 Gazette.

Ruth Kastner, Greenbelt author and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland University College, whose book "The Transactional Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics: The Reality of Possibility" has been published this month. More information is available at www.cambridge.org.

- Ginny and Cathy Jones, who ran in the October 28 37th Marine Corps 10K race, with Cathy finishing the race one minute ahead of her mother. Both enjoyed the run and came home with commemorative medallions.

It was great to see the hundreds of current and former Greenbelters celebrating at the 75th Anniversary gala, all sparkly and shining. Many thanks to the committee members who worked for over a year to make this event and the whole homecoming weekend. So memorable!

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– Kathleen McFarland

# **TAG Showcase**

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